

Application No. 10/712,978
Reply to Office Action of 04 May, 2006

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 26, lines 5-26 to read as follows:

Figure 3 depicts a biosensor with a cover which is provided by the adhesive article of the present invention. The biosensor 300 of Figure 3 includes an insulating base plate 302 formed of, for example, polycarbonate or polyethylene terephthalate, an electrical conductive pattern 304 which can include, for example, an electrode for measurement and a counter electrode, or an electrode for measurement, a counter electrode and a reference electrode. Such electrode systems are known in the art and, as such, are generally shown as reference numeral 304 without depicting all of the subcomponents thereof. Next, an insulating layer 305 is formed over at least a portion of the base plate 302 and, in some circumstances, the electrode system 304. A reaction layer 306 is formed over at least a portion of the electrode system 304. Spacers 308a and 308b are adhered to the insulating layer ~~306~~ 305 by any suitable technique as is known in the art. Although not depicted in Figure 3, spacer 308b may be two or more individual pieces so as to allow for one or more openings to be formed in the width of the biosensor of Figure 3. This opening, if present, permits the entry of a sample fluid into a sample space 310, which is formed after the application of a cover 312. Alternatively, an opening to allow for the entry of a sample into sample space 310 may be formed elsewhere on the biosensor, as is known in the art. In one embodiment, the sample space formed by the application of cover 312 to the top of sample space 310 is from about 10 microns to about 1000 microns in height, or from about 25 microns to about 500 microns in height, or even from about 50 microns to about 300 microns in height.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 11-15 to read as follows:

The adhesive article may be used in biosensors, bandages, medical or chemical testing devices, etc. The adhesive article should possess fair to good ~~adhesive~~ adhesion to UV inks so that the adhesive article can be easily applied as desired. Depending upon the specific use, long term stability or strong adhesion may not be required.